Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota's cultural heritage is rich and diverse as represented by the thousands of archaeological and historical sites, historic buildings, and landscapes that have been discovered and recorded throughout our state; and,

Whereas, Public appreciation and understanding are the foundations of preserving South Dakota's past for future generations; and,

Whereas, The protection and preservation of these sites, buildings, and landscapes provide educational, scientific, and economic benefits for all citizens; and,

Whereas, It is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals who preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that shape us as South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, South Dakota Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month was created to acquaint the public with the disciplines of archaeology and historic preservation and to strengthen the enduring bond between the past and the present; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota State Historical Society has joined with other government agencies, private companies, professional archaeologists, architectural historians, historians, students, and private citizens to enhance public awareness of archaeology, history, and preservation in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

in South Dakota, and I call upon the people of South Dakota to join their fellow citizens across the state in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State